11/6/89 VACATION OF OLD COUNTY ROAD -Leo Evans Property on Vernon Avenue/Olinger Rd



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# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

То:	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Agenda Item #	<u>IV.</u> A
From:	KEN ROSLAND, MANAGER	Consent	
		Information Only	
Date:	NOVEMBER 16, 1989	Mgr. Recommends	To HRA
Subject:	VACATION OF OLD COUNTY		x To Council
	ROAD RIGHT OF WAY - LEO EVANS PROPERTY	Action	Motion
			x Resolution
			Ordinance
			Discussion

# Recommendation:

Adopt resolution vacating any interest the City may have in Old County Road right of way on Leo Evans Property per opinion of City Attorney.

# Info/Background:

The vacation request was heard by the Council at its meeting of November 6, 1989. The public hearing was continued to November 20 and the request was referred to the City Attorney for review and recommendation.

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CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ATTORNEY AND CLIENT

November 15, 1989

Honorable Members of City Council, and Mr. Kenneth E. Rosland, City Manager City of Edina 4801 West 50th Street Edina, Minnesota 55424

Dear Members of the City Council and Mr. Rosland:

The City was recently asked to vacate whatever interest it might have in an old road, no longer used, which presumably extended across property south of Vernon Avenue and east of Olinger Road owned by one Leo Evans. Action on that requested vacation was postponed pending an opinion from this firm as to the ability of the City to "sell" its interest in the right of way. This letter is given in response to that request.

It has been and is the law in this state, as stated by the Minnesota Supreme Court in the case of Headley v. City of Northfield, 35 N.W.2d, 606 (1949): ". . . that the dedication of land, . . ., to the public for streets, alleys, and public grounds, does not pass the fee-simple title thereto, but only such an estate as the purpose of the trust requires, and that the fee, subject to the public easement, remains in the dedicator and his grantees . . . "

The above result holds true whether the dedication to the public use was made pursuant to a statute or pursuant to the common law. The result, therefore, of any public road dedication to the City is that it gives the City only an easement to use the property for the purpose stated in the dedication.

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Having only an easement, the Minnesota Supreme Court has stated, in the case of Buck v. City of Winona, 135 N.W.2d, 190 (1965), that: ". . we believe it inconceivable that a municipality could convey to a private person an easement devoted to public purposes. Unlike a private easement appurtenant to an adjoining land, it is "a privilege or liberty, open to the community," of same character as a highway easement, which clearly can never be used except for a public highway . . and upon release of its right to use the land for those purposes, the land must revert to the fee owners." Also in the case of Simons v. Munch, 132 N.W.2d 321 (1911), the Minnesota Supreme Court stated, in essence, that an easement acquired for public use ends when the public use ceases or is abandoned.

The result of the above quoted statements of the law is that the City has no interest in real estate to sell in connection with the vacation of an easement. The easement gives only a right to use for the purpose stated, and if that use is not continued but is ended, the property reverts to the owner of the fee free of the easement formerly held by the City. Under those fact circumstances there is nothing for the City to sell; it either maintains and uses the easement, or it does not.

However, the City usually must take some action in order to end the interest of the public in and to an easement. That action normally is a resolution of the City vacating the easement. Of course, the City can also lose an easement by abandonment, but the courts have generally held that an abandonment is very difficult to prove and any action that might indicate abandonment is generally construed in favor of the City. (Also, in some cases, the court can order vacation of public easements.) Because the City usually must take some action, some municipalities have charged for that action; the charge being not for an interest in real estate but for the requested and desired action by the municipality. municipality. The City of Edina does make such a charge: it imposes a fee of \$75.00 to be paid by any persons requesting vacation of an easement. We have previously advised from time to time that the City, in connection with any of its actions, may charge fees, but those fees must be reasonably related to the actual costs incurred by the City in performing the acts and services requested. To base the fee upon the value of the land or the value of the interest in the land

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which is being released would not be consistent with that requirement.

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that the City has no interest in real estate which it can sell in connection with the vacation of an easement, and that any fees that it does charge in connection with the vacation of an easement must be reasonably related to the actual costs incurred by the City in performing the requested acts.

I trust this is responsive to your inquiry. you have any further questions, I will be happy to respond to them.

I suggest this communication be treated as a privileged and confidential communication between attorney and client and, therefore, not be released to the public.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Craig Larsen

Mr. Fran Hoffman



January 8, 1990

Mr. James Ostendorf 9001 E. Bloomington Freeway, Suite 123 Bloomington, MN 55420

Re: Resolution and Notice of Completion
Vacation of old County Road aka old Eden Prairie Road

Dear Mr. Ostenforf:

Enclosed are two certified copies of the resolution adopted by the Edina City Council on November 20, 1989 and two certified copies of the Notice of Completion with regard to the above referenced road right of way vacation.

It is my understanding that you will have the documents entered into the transfer record of the County Auditor and filed with the County Recorder. Please provide me with the recording data when this has been done.

Very truly yours,

Marcella M. Daehn

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City Clerk

4 enclosures

cc: Thomas S. Erickson
Dorsey & Whitney



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BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF EDINA

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City Clerk



#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a resolution of the City Council, adopted the 2nd day of October, 1989, fixed a date for a public hearing on a proposed vacation of easement for street purposes; and

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STATE OF MINNESOTA )
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ) SS
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#### CERTIFICTE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of November 20, 1989 and as recorded in said Regular Meeting.

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BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF EDINA

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COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)
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Edina Sun-Current , and has full knowledge of the facts which are
stated below.
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as provided by Minnesota Statute 331A.02, 331A.07, and other applicable laws, as amended.
(B) The printed Notice of Public Hearing
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CITY OF EDINA

4801 W. 50TH STREET

EDINA, MINNESOTA 55424

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BY ORDER OF THE EDINA CITY COUNCIL Marcella M. Daehn, City Clerk

Please publish in the Edina Sun-Current on October 11, 1989. Please send two Affidavits of Publication.

STATE OF MINNESOTA ) COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ) SS	·
CITY OF EDINA )	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING NOTICE
of the City of Edina, Minnesota, h	g the duly qualified acting City Clerk ereby certify that on the following 9 89, acting on behalf of said tes mail copies of the attached
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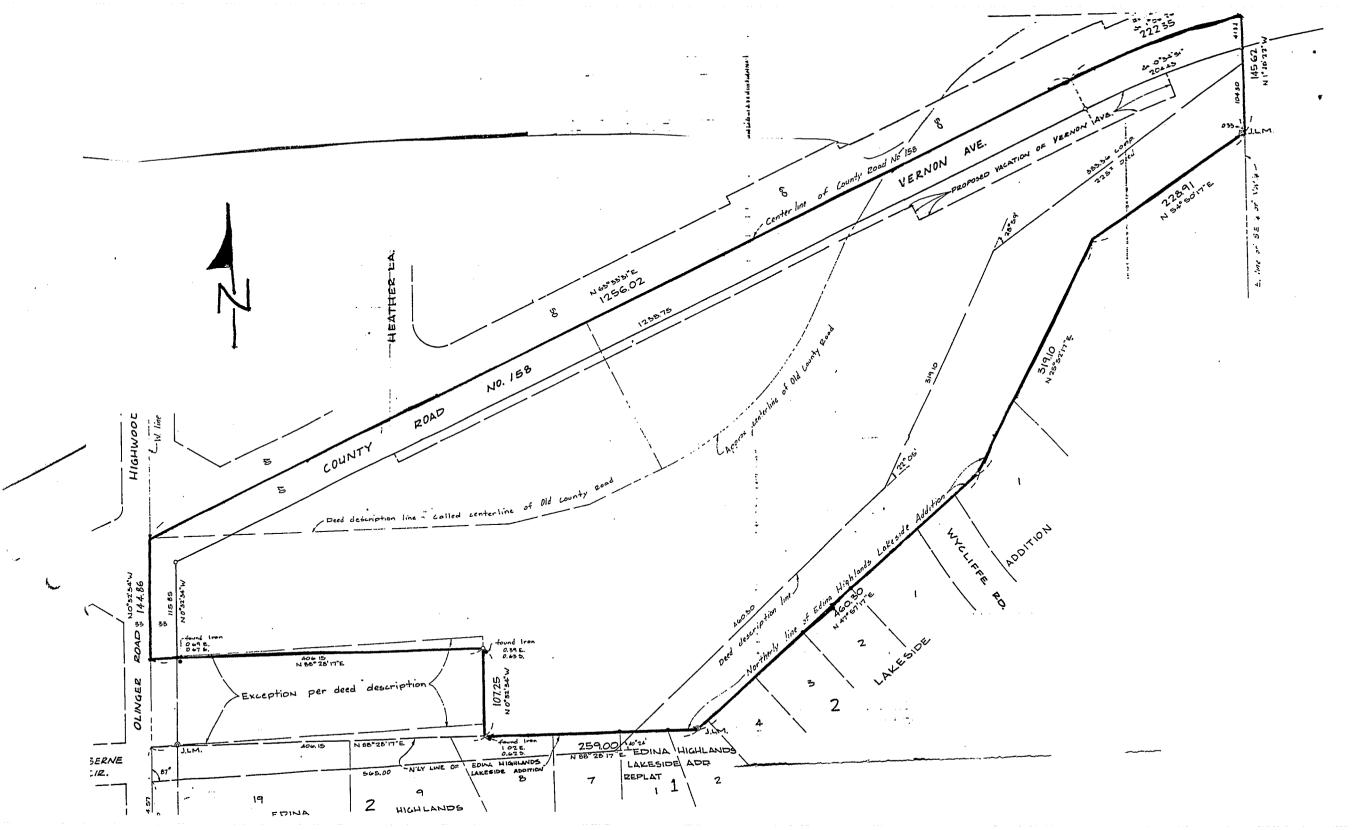
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# MAILING LIST - VACATION OF STREET RIGHT OF WAY - LEO EVANS PROPERTY (East of Olinger Road and south of Vernon Avenue)

32-117-21-24-0003 & 0004 Lèo Evans 2248 Glacier Lane Santa Maria, CA 93454

32-117-21-24-0005 Dennis & Diane Wegner 5705 Olinger Rd Edina MN 55436

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32-117-21-24-0048 Thomas Cain Judith Schmitz 5900 Merold Dr Edina MN 55436

32-117-21-24-0049 Ronald & Mildred Gamer 5816 Merold Dr Edina MN 55436

32-117-21-24-0015 James L. Wittman 5812 Merold Dr Edina MN 55436

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700 Linden Avenue W.
P.O. Box 1165
Minneapolis MN 55440-1165

# PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION APPLICATION

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Date Initiated <u>September 13, 1989</u>	•
1) I hereby petition the City Council of the City of Edina to vacate all of th described public right-of-way:	e following
XXX Street Alley Utility Easement	
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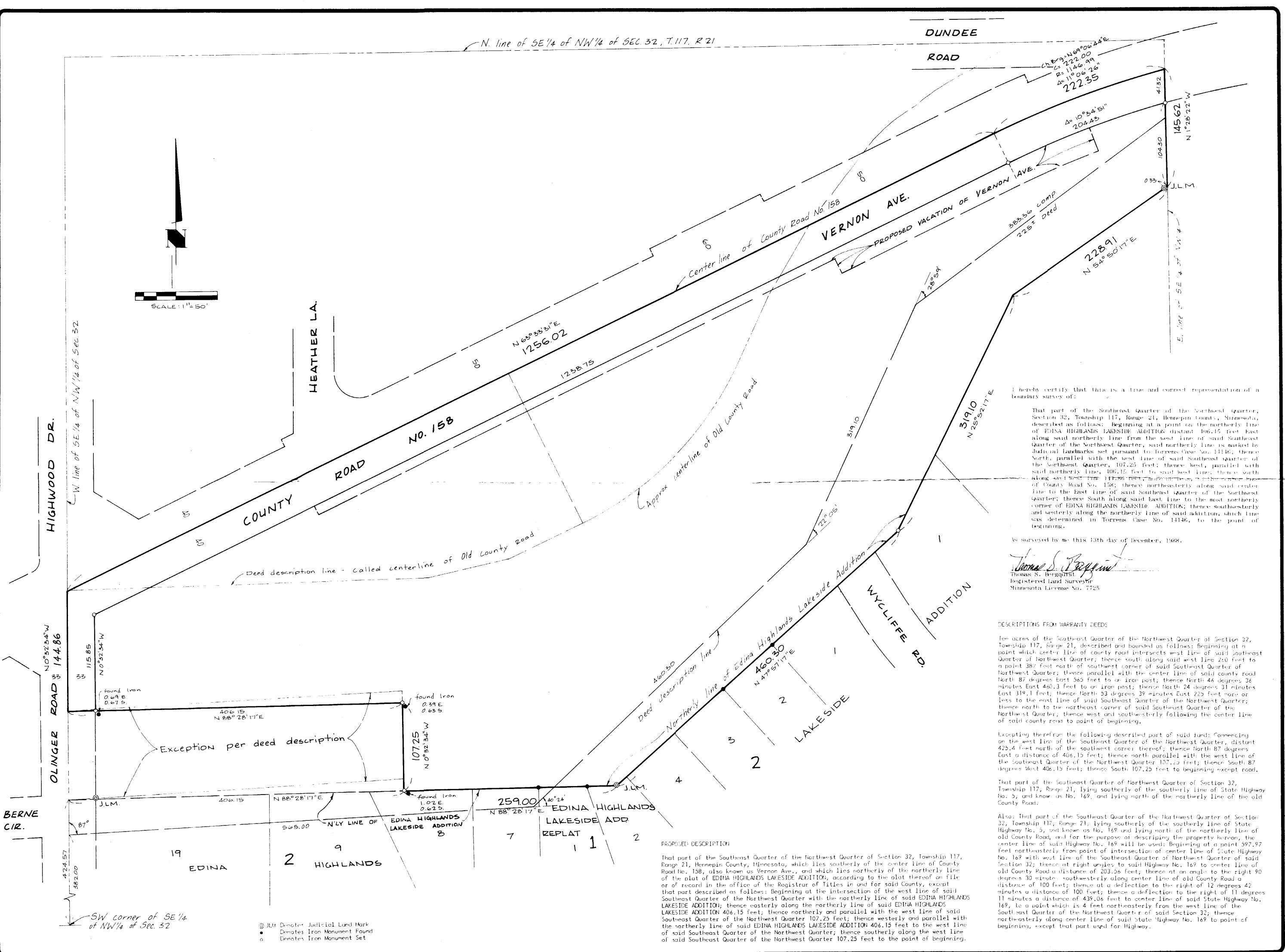
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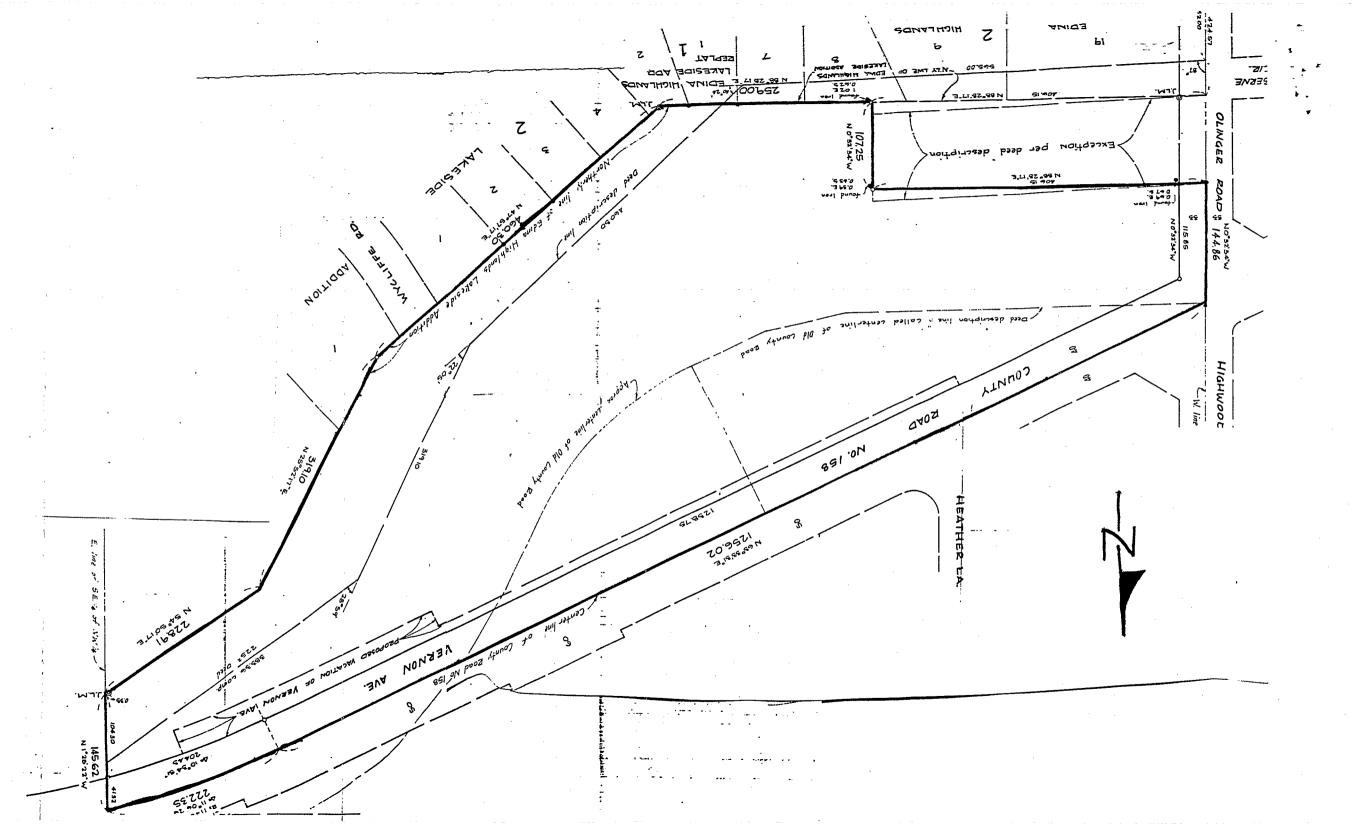
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CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ATTORNEY AND CLIENT

November 15, 1989

Honorable Members of City Council, and Mr. Kenneth E. Rosland, City Manager City of Edina 4801 West 50th Street Edina, Minnesota 55424

Dear Members of the City Council and Mr. Rosland:

The City was recently asked to vacate whatever interest it might have in an old road, no longer used, which presumably extended across property south of Vernon Avenue and east of Olinger Road owned by one Leo Evans. Action on that requested vacation was postponed pending an opinion from this firm as to the ability of the City to "sell" its interest in the right of way. This letter is given in response to that request.

It has been and is the law in this state, as stated by the Minnesota Supreme Court in the case of Headley v. City of Northfield, 35 N.W.2d, 606 (1949): ". . . that the dedication of land, . . ., to the public for streets, alleys, and public grounds, does not pass the fee-simple title thereto, but only such an estate as the purpose of the trust requires, and that the fee, subject to the public easement, remains in the dedicator and his grantees . . . "

The above result holds true whether the dedication to the public use was made pursuant to a statute or pursuant to the common law. The result, therefore, of any public road dedication to the City is that it gives the City only an easement to use the property for the purpose stated in the dedication.

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Having only an easement, the Minnesota Supreme Court has stated, in the case of Buck v. City of Winona, 135 N.W.2d, 190 (1965), that: ". . . we believe it inconceivable that a municipality could convey to a private person an easement devoted to public purposes. Unlike a private easement appurtenant to an adjoining land, it is "a privilege or liberty, open to the community," of same character as a highway easement, which clearly can never be used except for a public highway . . . and upon release of its right to use the land for those purposes, the land must revert to the fee owners." Also in the case of Simons v. Munch, 132 N.W.2d 321 (1911), the Minnesota Supreme Court stated, in essence, that an easement acquired for public use ends when the public use ceases or is abandoned.

The result of the above quoted statements of the law is that the City has no interest in real estate to sell in connection with the vacation of an easement. The easement gives only a right to use for the purpose stated, and if that use is not continued but is ended, the property reverts to the owner of the fee free of the easement formerly held by the City. Under those fact circumstances there is nothing for the City to sell; it either maintains and uses the easement, or it does not.

However, the City usually must take some action in order to end the interest of the public in and to an easement. That action normally is a resolution of the City vacating the easement. Of course, the City can also lose an easement by abandonment, but the courts have generally held that an abandonment is very difficult to prove and any action that might indicate abandonment is generally construed in favor of the City. (Also, in some cases, the court can order vacation of public easements.) Because the City usually must take some action, some municipalities have charged for that action; the charge being not for an interest in real estate but for the requested and desired action by the The City of Edina does make such a charge: municipality. it imposes a fee of \$75.00 to be paid by any persons requesting vacation of an easement. We have previously advised from time to time that the City, in connection with any of its actions, may charge fees, but those fees must be reasonably related to the actual costs incurred by the City in performing the acts and services requested. To base the fee upon the value of the land or the value of the interest in the land

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which is being released would not be consistent with that requirement.

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that the City has no interest in real estate which it can sell in connection with the vacation of an easement, and that any fees that it does charge in connection with the vacation of an easement must be reasonably related to the actual costs incurred by the City in performing the requested acts.

I trust this is responsive to your inquiry. If you have any further questions, I will be happy to respond to them.

I suggest this communication be treated as a privileged and confidential communication between attorney and client and, therefore, not be released to the public.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Craig Larsen

Mr. Fran Hoffman

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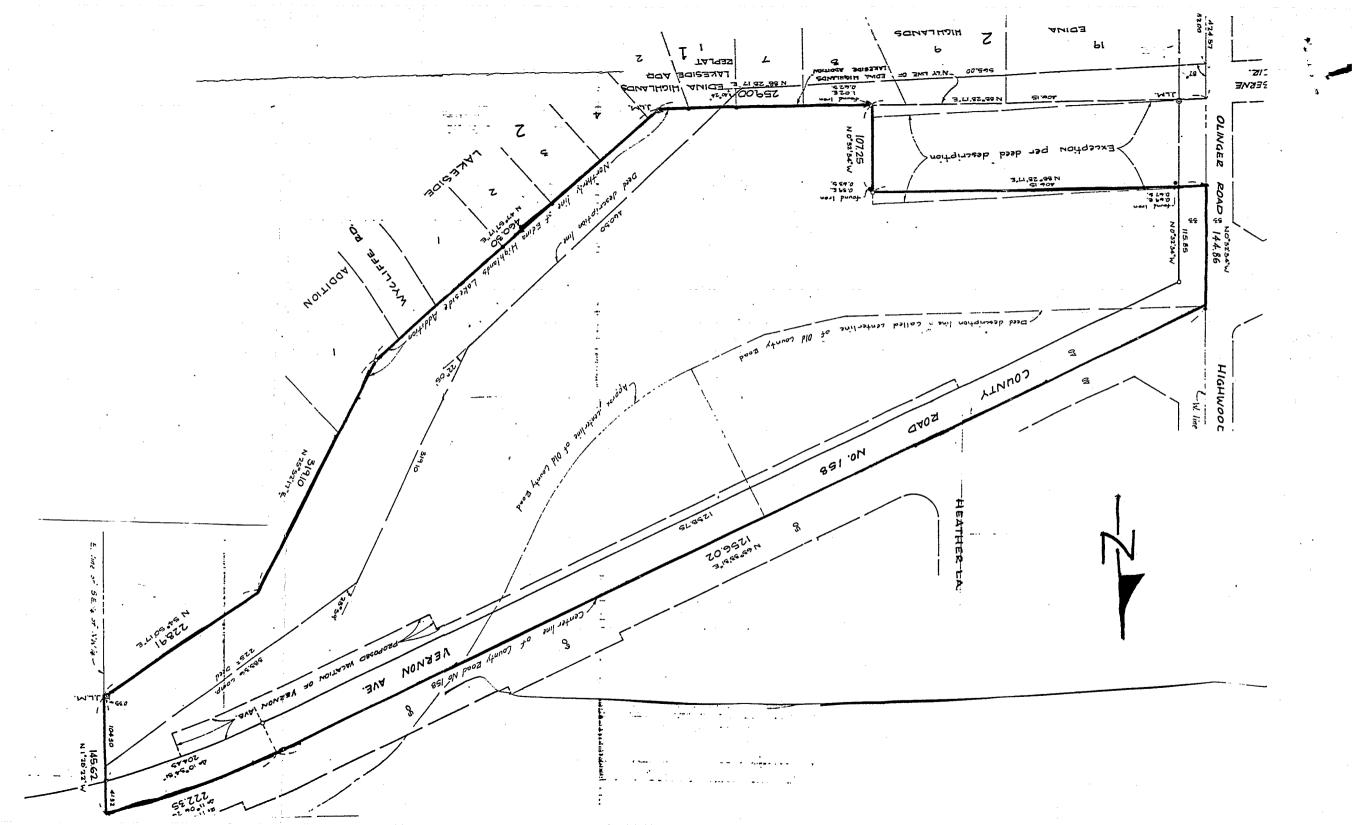
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# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

То:	KEN ROSLAND, MANAGER	Agenda Item #	X.A.
From:	MARCELLA DAEHN, CLERK	Consent	X
	•	Information Only	
Date:	SEPTEMBER 28, 1989	Mgr. Recommends	☐ To HRA
Subject:	PETITION FOR VACATION OF		x To Council
	OLD COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY	Action	Motion
			x Resolution
			Ordinance
			☐ Discussion 、

## Recommendation:

Adoption of a resolution setting November 6, 1989 as hearing date for the vacation of "Old County Road" right of way on the Leo Evans property.

# Info/Background:

A petition has been filed with the City requesting vacation of right of way for "Old County Road" on the Leo Evans property, generally located south of Vernon Avenue and east of Olinger Road.

A hearing date of November 6, 1989 is recommended to allow time for the required publication and mailing of notices to adjacent property owners and utility companies.

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN CITY OF EDINA	•	SS

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING NOTICE OF HEARING ON VACATION OF "OLD COUNTY ROAD" RIGHT OF WAY

is a duly		irst duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that he/she acting Police Officer for the City of Edina, Hennepin hat on $10/12/179$
		of Hearing on the vacation described above to be held
on Nov	ember 6, 1989	, a true and correct copy of which is hereto
attached	, at each of the	following official City Bulletin Boards located at
conspicuo	ous places withi	n the City:
1)	City Hall, 4801	W. 50th Street
2)	50th and France	Business Area, 3943 W. 50th Street
3)	Amundson Avenue	Shopping Center - NW corner of Parking Lot

Signed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for Hennepin County, Minnesota, this LLH day of October, 19 19.

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#### JAMES A. OSTENDORF Attorney at Law

9001 E. Bloomington Frwy. • Suite X29 • Bloomington, MN 55420 • (612) 881-0122

City Clerk City of Edina 4801 West fiftieth Street Edina, Minnesota 55424

September 12, 1989

Dear Madam:

The property referenced on the attached application lies within a parcel of land currently being registered. See attached part of the Amended and Substituted Report of Examiner at paragraph 1 for full legal of land being registered. Title to the north half of the old road is being challenged, so fee owners Evans wish to vacate any interest the City of Edina has or had in the old road. I am also attaching letters from the State of Minnesota and the County of Hennepin each attempting to claim the other has an interest.

Lastly, I am enclosing a copy of the boundary survey of Sathre-Berquist, Inc. dated May 2, 1983 and printed August 28, 1989, to give you an idea what we are dealing with. There is currently no survey in existence showing the whole road which decreased in use after the "new" road went in around 1926.

Hopefully the above gives you an adequate summary of why we are making application to vacate. If there are any questions or if I can provide you with further information, please advise.

Very truly yours,

James A. Ostendorf, Esq.

No. 19328

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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In the Matter of the Application of

LEO M. EVANS, JR., JOHN J. EVANS, )
KAREN EVANS TAYLOR and SUZANNE )
HINDS, Original Applicants; and LEO M. )
EVANS, JR., an undivided five-sixths )
interest, JOHN J. EVANS, an undivided )
one-twelfth interest, and KAREN )
EVANS TAYLOR, an undivided one- )
twelfth interest, Current Applicants, )

To Register the Title to Certain Land

WENN. CO. DIST. CT.

AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED REPORT OF EXAMINER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF HENNEPIN COUNTY:

Pursuant to an Order heretofore entered in the above-entitled cause whereby said case was referred to the undersigned Examiner of Titles to examine into the title of the Applicants in and to the land described in the Application, and into the truth of all matters set forth therein, and particularly whether or not the land is occupied, and, if occupied, the nature thereof, and by what right the occupation is held, and also whether or not any judgments against Applicants or those through whom Applicants claim title, exist, which may be a lien upon the land described in the Application, and to search all public records, and fully investigate all facts pertaining to the title which have been brought to my notice; and to make report in writing to the Court of the substance of the proof and file a report thereon, including a Certificate of opinion upon the title; I, said Examiner of Titles, after also having had said land inspected by the County Surveyor and having examined the records indicated on all the abstracts filed herein, do now report as follows:

1. That at the time of the filing of the Amended Application herein, the Current Applicants, LEO M. EVANS, JR., as to an undivided five-sixths interest, JOHN J. EVANS, as to an undivided one-twelfth interest and KAREN EVANS TAYLOR, as to an undivided one-twelfth interest were the record owners, except as hereinafter noted, in fee simple of the certain lands in the County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota described in said Application and as follows:

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- 2. Paragraph "F" of the Original Application and the Report of the Hennepin County Surveyor on file herein show that the within land is vacant.
  - 3. That the mortgage on said land is:

None.

- 4. I note the following encumbrances, defects and irregularities:
- (a) The abstract on file herein shows that William Quinn, grantee in deed shown at entry no. 16 conveyed out most but not all of his record title interest in the within land by deeds shown at abstract entry nos. 57, 59 and 68. Current applicants allege at Paragraphs "E" and "I" of the Amended Application that the gaps and the interest of the heirs of William Quinn, deceased, are defects in their title. Accordingly, I assume that there will be evidence at the hearing to support a finding in the Decree to be entered herein that to the extent applicants do not have record title to all of said land, that they and their predecessors in interest have acquired title thereof by adverse possession by occupying it for 15 years in a manner which was actual, open, continuous, hostile and exclusive and accompanied by an intention to claim adversely. I recommend as defendants the heirs or devisees of William Quinn and also the County of Hennepin, judgment creditor of William Allen Quinn in Hennepin County District Court Case No. 83-3184 shown in the Judgment Search Certificate dated June 16, 1986 and attached to the abstract filed herein.

Applicant's attorney shall ascertain whether or not there has been a Minnesota Probate Court determination of the heirs or devisees of said William Quinn. If so, then



Minnesota Department of Transportation District 5 2055 No. Lilac Drive Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422

(612) 593. <u>840</u>3

July 28, 1988

Leo M. Evans Attorney at Law 2240 Glacier Lane Santa Maria, CA 93454

Dear Mr. Evans:

Following up on Commissioner Levine's recent letter acknowledging your inquiry of June 8, 1988, this office has now completed the review of Old Eden Prairie Road (Constitutional Route Number 5, later renumbered Trunk Highway 169) in Edina. Each of the six questions you asked is addressed below.

- 1. Construction of Trunk Highway 169 was completed in 1926 and opened for traffic the following year.
- 2. On the enclosed Map A, you will find T.H. 169 marked in red and Old Eden Prairie Road shown in green in the vicinity of your property.
- 3. General Order No. 5563, dated October 26, 1927, officially established T.H. 5 (later renamed No. 169). Center Line Order No. 6755 and Width Order No. 6756, both dated October 13, 1930, officially established the course of the roadway. Therefore, as of October 13, 1930, Old Eden Prairie Road should have been under the jurisdiction of the county. You may wish to contact the Hennepin County Public Works Department for further information about Old Eden Prairie Road.
- 4. The right of way map (Map A) shows that no access control was acquired in the area of your property. There should have been no restriction of ingress or egress.
- 5. Eden Prairie Road was a county road taken into the Trunk Highway system by General Order No. 5563. When the new Center Line Order No. 6755 was written establishing the new location of T.H. 5, the old road was then no longer in the Trunk Highway system.
- 6. Our department has no records on the abandonment of Old Eden Prairie Road, again you may wish to contact the county on this.

July 28, 1988 Mr. Leo M. Evans Page Two

As further information, Map B is enclosed which indicates that Release No. 85 transferred jurisdiction of T.H. 169 back to the county.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

(W. M. Crawford District Engineer



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 320 Washington Ave. South Hopkins, Minnesota 55343-8468

June 12, 1989

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Mr. James A. Ostendorf, Attorney at Law 9001 E. Bloomington Freeway Suite 123
Bloomington, MN 55420

Re: Leo M. Evans, Jr. property Sec. 32, T. 117, R. 21

Dear Mr. Ostendorf:

I'm writing to inform you as to the origin and present interests of the County in the small segment labeled Old County Road shown on the half section sheet for the North half of Section 32, Township 117, Range 21.

In my capacity as Senior Property Description Technician for Right of Way, I try to maintain all records of present and past County roads. The area in question apparently was considered part of a State Trunk Highway 5 back in the 20's. As is often the case, new alignments and turnbacks, shift designations (sometimes without formal documents) and references to "County Roads", develop without extensive construction or improvements.

I cannot find any documentation of the County interest or release of the old alignment, probably because the "new" alignment of Trunk Highway No. 169 (now County State Aid Highway No. 158) satisfies the County needs in this area.

During our discussion you mentioned a snow fence easement as a possible encumbrance. Snow fence easements were often obtained as part of the old condemnation format or on the printed Highway Easement form reading to the effect "and the right to construct snow fences on the land adjoining said taking". These restrictions were levied before the advent of sophisticated snow removal equipment, and because of the complexity of removing these restrictions most owners ignore the statement. The County no longer installs snow fences.

I wish that I could be more precise in defining the County's involvement in the old road, but our records are relatively clean.

Very truly yours,

Stan Bennyhoff

Senior Property Description Technician

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September 19, 1989

Mr. James A. Ostendorf 9001 E. Bloomington Frwy. Suite 123 Bloomington, MN 55420

Re: Vacation of old County Road - Leo Evans Property

Dear Mr. Ostendorf:

In connection with your public right of way vacation application referenced above, Thomas S. Erickson, City Attorney, has reviewed the legal description of the property and has revised it to read per the attachment enclosed.

If you have any questions or problem with this revised legal description, please give me a call. Mr. Erickson felt that the revision would be more inclusive and yet would preserve the right of way easement for the existing County Road No. 159 (Vernon Avenue) and also for Olinger Road.

As I advised you yesterday, your request for the vacation will be placed on the October 2, 1989 Council Agenda to set a hearing date for the meeting of November 6, 1989.

Very truly yours,

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City Clerk

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Leo M. Evans, Jr. Property

### Legal description of area proposed to be vacated:

The old road sometimes referenced as "the old County Road" or the "old Eden Prairie road" lying within the following described property:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 32, Township 117, Range 21, Hennepin County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly line of EDINA HIGHLANDS LAKESIDE ADDITION distant 406.15 feet East along said northerly line from the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said northerly line is marked by Judicial landmarks set pursuant to Torrens Case No. 14146; thence North, parallel with the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, 107.25 feet; thence West, parallel with said northerly line, 406.15 feet to said West line; thence North along said West line 144.86 feet, more or less, to the center line of County Road No. 158; thence northeasterly along said center line to the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South along said East line to the most northerly corner of EDINA HIGHLANDS LAKESIDE ADDITION; thence southwesterly and westerly along the northerly line of said addition, which line was determined in Torrens Case No. 14146, to the point of beginning.

Except, however, that this vacation shall not include the existing right of way for County Road No. 158, also known as Vernon Avenue, or the existing right of way for Olinger Road.

